Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended)   A method of increasing the available storage space in a memory comprising the steps of:

defining in the memory a free memory list, the free memory list contained in a first physical memory area of the memory, the free memory list configured to contain one or more portions of one or more files;

storing a file in the memory, the file including a first portion contained in a second physical memory area of the memory and a second portion contained in a third physical memory area of the memory;

selecting the first portion of the file for deletion; and

~~physically~~ copying only the selected first portion of the file from the second physical memory area to ~~the first~~ a fourth physical memory area that is appended to ~~containing~~ the free memory list without copying the second portion of the file contained in the third physical memory area and resulting in the second physical memory area being deallocated.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the file is an audio file or a video file.

3. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein the selecting the first portion of the file stored in the memory creates a plurality of file segments.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of linking the plurality of file segments together.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the file is a video file.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the memory is a memory of a personal video recorder.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the memory is a memory of a personal video recorder.

8-16. (Cancelled)